



# AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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## PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA FARMERS

Prices received by livestock producers in mid-August were mixed, compared with the entire month of July. The mid-August price for cows at \$43.70 per hundredweight, was \$2.00 less than a month earlier, and \$12.20 less than a year ago. Steers and heifers at \$84.90 per hundredweight, were unchanged from the previous month, but \$4.70 less than a year earlier. Calves at \$95.50 per hundredweight were 70 cents more than a month earlier but \$4.00 lower than August 2008. The Florida milk price was \$15.60 per hundredweight, down 10 cents from a month earlier and \$8.30 below last year.

## US PRICE INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased five points (3.8 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 6 points (3.9 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased three points (2.7) percent. Producers received lower prices for broilers, wheat, corn, and grapes and higher prices for milk, eggs, apples, and lemons. In addition to prices, the overall Index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, broilers, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 29 points (19 percent) from August 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 125, decreased five points (3.8 percent) from last month and decreased 28 points (18 percent) from August 2008.

## SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92=100	2008		2009	
	July	August	July	August
Prices Received	159	156	132	127
Prices Paid	191	191	177	177
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	83	82	75	72

<sup>1/</sup> Prices Received/Prices Paid.

## AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Florida			United States		
		August 2008	July 2009	August 2009	August 2008	July 2009	August 2009
MEAT ANIMALS							
Cows	\$ per cwt.	55.90	45.70	43.70	57.60	47.40	46.70
Steers & heifers	\$ per cwt.	89.60	84.90	84.90	100.00	85.30	84.60
Calves	\$ per cwt.	99.50	94.80	95.50	117.00	110.00	110.00
Hogs*	\$ per cwt.				60.70	43.20	39.70
MILK <sup>2/</sup>							
Sold to plants, all	\$ per cwt.	23.90	15.70	15.60	18.40	11.30	11.80
POULTRY							
Com'l broilers*	Cents per lb.				47.0	49.0	43.0
Table eggs	Cents per doz.	78.0	50.0	59.0	82.0	51.9	57.9
CITRUS, ON TREE							
Oranges	\$ per box	**	**	**	4.78	8.31	8.26
Grapefruit	\$ per box	**	**	**	4.58	***	***
Tangerines	\$ per box	**	**	**	**	**	**
FIELD CROPS							
Potatoes	\$ per cwt.	**	**	**	11.33	9.81	9.90
Hay, All baled	\$ per ton	**	**	**	163.00	116.00	109.00
Peanuts	\$ per lb.	**	0.221	0.223	0.189	0.234	0.223
Corn*	\$ per bu.				5.26	3.60	3.31
Oats*	\$ per bu.				3.16	2.03	1.85
Cotton, Upland*	\$ per lb.				0.585	0.472	0.484
Sorghum*	\$ per cwt.				8.40	5.19	5.37
Soybeans*	\$ per bu.				12.80	10.80	10.70
Wheat, Winter*	\$ per bu.				7.30	4.98	4.44

<sup>1/</sup> Eggs, broilers and hay prices are midmonth estimates. Prices for the latest month for grains and soybeans are midmonth estimates. Prices for most meat animals are first half of month and other estimates are for the entire month.

<sup>2/</sup> Before deductions for hauling and government withholding, and includes quantity and other premiums, but excludes hauling subsidies.

\* Only marketing year average prices are estimated for Florida, except oats and sorghum which are not estimated.

\*\* Not estimated this month.

\*\*\* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

HIGHLIGHTS--U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES

**ALL CROPS:** The August Index is 147, down 3.9 percent from July and 17 percent below August 2008. Index decreases for feed grains and hay, food grains, fruit and nuts, and oil-bearing crops more than offset the Index increases for commercial vegetables, cotton, potatoes, and dry beans.

**FOOD GRAINS:** The August Index, at 163, is 6.9 percent below the previous month and 37 percent from a year ago. The August all wheat price at \$4.72 per bushel, is down 41 cents from July and \$2.89 below August 2008.

**FEED GRAINS & HAY:** The August Index is 147, down 5.8 percent from last month and 35 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.31 per bushel, is down 29 cents from last month and \$1.95 below August 2008. The all hay price, at \$109 per ton, is down \$7.00 from July and \$54.00 from last August. Sorghum grain, at \$5.37 per hundredweight is 18 cents above July and \$3.03 below August last year.

**OIL-BEARING CROPS:** The August Index, at 190, is down 1.0 percent from July and 17 percent lower than August 2008. The soybean price, at \$10.70 per bushel, decreased 10 cents from July and is \$2.10 below August 2008.

**COTTON:** The August Index, at 80, is up 2.6 percent from July but 18 percent below last year. The August price, at 48.4 cents per pound, is up 1.2 cents from the previous month but 10.1 cents below last August.

**POTATOES & DRY BEANS:** The August Index, at 170, is up 0.6 percent from last month but 13 percent below August 2008. The all potato price, at \$9.90 per hundredweight, is up 9 cents from July but \$1.43 from last August. The all dry bean price, at \$31.70 per hundredweight is down 70 cents from the previous month and \$6.30 from August 2008.

**FRUITS & NUTS:** The August Index, at 142, is down 4.7 percent from July and 6.6 percent lower than a year ago. Price decreases for grapes, pears, and oranges more than offset price increases for apples, lemons, and peaches.

**COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES:** The August Index, at 154, is up 4.8 percent from last month and 7.7 percent above August 2008. Price increases during August for broccoli, carrots, tomatoes, and cucumbers more than offset price declines for sweet corn, onions, snap beans, and cauliflower.

**LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:** The August Index, at 109, is 2.7 percent below last month and down 20 percent from August 2008. Compared with a year ago, prices are lower for milk, cattle, hogs, broilers, eggs, turkeys, and calves.

**MEAT ANIMALS:** The August Index, at 105, is down 1.9 percent from last month and 19 percent lower than last year. The August hog price, at \$39.70 per hundredweight is down \$3.50 from July and \$21.00 lower than a year ago. The August beef cattle price of \$80.30 per hundredweight is up 80 cents from last month and \$15.50 lower than August 2008.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS:** The August Index, at 90, is up 3.4 from a month ago but 36 percent lower than August last year. The August all milk price of \$11.80 per hundredweight is up 50 cents from last month but down \$6.60 from August 2008. The fluid grade milk is up 50 cents and the manufacturing grade milk prices increased 40 cents from last month.

**POULTRY & EGGS:** The August Index, at 132, is down 9.0 percent from July and 13 percent below a year ago. The August market egg price, at 57.9 cents per dozen, increased 6.03 cents from July but is 24.1 cents below August 2008. The August broiler price, at 43.0 cents per pound, is down 6.0 cents from July and 4.0 cents below a year ago. The August turkey price, at 51.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cents from the previous month and 12.2 cents from a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, BY MONTH,  
UNITED STATES, 2008 AND 2009

Month	All wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef cattle <sup>1/</sup>		All hogs	
	2008	2009 <sup>2/</sup>	2008	2009 <sup>2/</sup>	2008	2009 <sup>2/</sup>	2008	2009 <sup>2/</sup>	2008	2009 <sup>2/</sup>
	<i>Dollars per bushel</i>						<i>Dollars per cwt</i>			
Jan	7.96	6.20	3.98	4.36	9.95	9.97	87.50	80.10	37.40	42.80
Feb	10.10	5.79	4.54	3.87	11.70	9.55	89.00	78.80	42.20	43.90
Mar	10.50	5.71	4.70	3.86	11.40	9.12	87.80	79.00	40.30	43.80
Apr	10.10	5.75	5.14	3.85	12.00	9.79	86.80	83.50	44.40	44.10
May	8.87	5.84	5.27	3.97	12.10	10.70	91.30	83.20	55.30	44.50
Jun	7.62	5.67	5.47	4.03	13.10	11.40	91.90	80.40	53.40	43.30
Jul	7.15	5.13	5.25	3.60	13.30	10.80	95.00	81.10	54.30	43.20
Aug	7.61	4.72	5.26	3.31	12.80	10.70	95.80	80.30	60.70	39.70
Sep	7.43		5.02		10.70		94.20		52.60	
Oct	6.65		4.37		9.94		87.40		48.50	
Nov	6.29		4.26		9.38		84.30		40.70	
Dec	5.95		4.10		9.24		79.70		41.90	

<sup>1/</sup> Cows, steers, and heifers.  
<sup>2/</sup> Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month.